



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, September 20, 2004
Hillview Community Center
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stanley at 7:03pm.

Present: Chairperson Stanley, Vice-Chairperson Wright, Commissioners Angelo, Bien, Demmer, DeMartini, Elchert, Lorell, Sachdeva, Wyse, Zwarenstein

Absent None

Also Present Staff Liaison Carolyn McDowell, Acting Teen Program Coordinator, Kelsey Christian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ZWARENSTEIN MOVED that the minutes from the August 16, 2004, meeting be approved as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ELCHERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

1. Department reorganization / recruitment – Staff Liaison McDowell announced Jennifer Wiess accepted employment with the City of Los Altos as the Recreation Coordinator and is scheduled to begin on September 28, 2004. Meanwhile, Molly Jansson, Teen Program Coordinator, resigned. Acting as Teen Program Coordinator, Kelsey Christian was introduced to the Commission. Recruitment is already underway for the Teen Program Coordinator; the final filing date was September 17, with an external interview panel scheduled to be conducted on September 24, 2004.

During this time of unprecedented change, the Recreation Department Director, Dave Brees, took the opportunity to evaluate staff strengths and interests. This exercise has resulted in Department reorganization. As such, Recreation Supervisor, Donna Legge, will begin serving as the Youth Commission Staff Liaison in November 2004.

2. YC Underground – Teen Program Coordinator Christian reviewed the Fall hours of operation (Friday, 3:30-6:00pm; Saturday, 12:00-7:00pm; Sunday, 12:00-4:00pm), attendance statistics (August, 208; September, week #1, 17; week #2, 38, week #3, 15), reminded the Commission about two upcoming special events (3 on 3 basketball, September 24; Halloween Party, October 22) and informed the Commission about the LAYC card sales to date (374).
3. Skate Park – Commissioner Sachdeva shared a draft copy of the skate park survey results with the Commission. Meanwhile, Commissioner Sachdeva is coordinating efforts with four cities who have yet to respond to the survey (San Mateo, Half Moon Bay, Sunnyvale, Cupertino), yet were toured by the Commission.

Commissioners Wyse and Zwarenstein took numerous digital photos on the skate park tours and agreed to forward the pictures to Staff Liaison McDowell by Friday, September 24.

Commissioners Demmer, Wright and Angelo agreed to tour and photograph Cupertino's skate park. This committee agreed to provide a summary and photos at the October 4, meeting.

Commissioner Angelo agreed to create a PowerPoint presentation in coordination with a memorandum to City Council. It is anticipated this item will be agendaized in November, 2004.

4. YC Underground – WRIGHT MOVED to create a Committee to work with the new Teen Program Coordinator (when hired) to determine how to spend the \$500 for improvements at the Underground. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WYSE AND PASSED WITH A 7:4 VOICE VOTE. Commissioners DeMartini, Wyse, Wright, Angelo and Demmer agreed to serve on the Committee.
5. Community Picnic – Commissioner Elchert provided a summary about the three-on-three basketball tournament, sponsored by the Commission at the Community Picnic on Sunday, August 29, 2004. The Commission was very pleased with the outcome of the event.

The Commission participated in a bocci ball match against the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission at the picnic; the Youth Commission prevailed.

6. FY 04-05 Work Plan and Budget – Based on the Commissions' priority to complete the Skate Park survey, as well as the staff turnover, the Commission agreed to defer this item for City Council consideration until, at least, December.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Staff Liaison McDowell shared a flyer with the Commission regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

Staff Liaison McDowell shared an email with the Commission regarding the LAHM Resource and Administrative Volunteers' request for volunteers at the October 2-3, 2004, Fall Festival. flyer with the Commission regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting. Members of the Commission were not able to commit, however they agreed to share the opportunity with the service clubs at their respective schools.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

LAVA Holiday Lights

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stanley adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Minutes prepared by,
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